

Remarks

Claims 36 to 51 remain pending.

Attorney Ruggiero wishes to thank Examiner Venkat for the courtesies extended to Attorneys Zeller and Dean and Inventor Menon during the telephone interview on October 12, 2005.

Claims 36 to 51 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. The Action stated that there was no etiology for the treatment of cellulite. In support of this statement, the Action quoted from an abstract for the article Avram, Cellulite: a review of its physiology and treatment, J. Cosmetic & Laser Therapy, v. 6, Issue 4, p. 181-5 (Dec. 2004): "There are no truly effective treatment for cellulite". The Action also quoted from an abstract for the article Van Vliet, An assessment of traditional and novel therapies for cellulite, J. Cosmetic & Laser Therapy, 2005, 7/1 (7-10) for the proposition that "... there is no consensus as to the etiology of cellulite".

The rejection of claims 36 to 51 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement is overcome in view of the remarks below and the attached Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 by Dr. Peter M. Elias.

First, applicant does not agree with the Examiner's conclusions regarding the Avram and Van Vliet abstracts. Thus, Avram identifies four hypotheses that for the physiology of cellulite and further identifies four categories of treatment modalities. The last sentence is a qualitative one, inasmuch as the phrase "effective treatment" is modified by the adverb "truly". Van Vliet states that "There are numerous treatments

for cellulite including topical, surgical, laser and other therapies". As to the causation of cellulite, Van Vliet merely indicates that there is no consensus regarding the etiology of cellulite.

Second, Dr. Elias, in his Declaration, states that disclosure of the present application clearly articulates the invention as set forth in the claims 36 to 51 and places him, a person skilled in the art, in possession of it. Dr. Elias states that Examples 1 and 2 of the present application clearly demonstrate the stabilizing effect of perilla oil on PPAR upregulation. Dr. Elias states that page 1, lines 12 and 13 of the 09/521,442 application directly associates the treatment or amelioration of cellulite with the upregulation of PPAR, and that this association is logical and reasonable.

The Continuation of Substance of Interview of the Interview Summary of October 12, 2005 stated there was no nexus between cellulite and the prevention of upregulation of PPAR. The Continuation of Substance of Interview further stated that competent documentation establishing this nexus would be given careful consideration.

There is indeed a nexus between the formation of cellulite and the upregulation of PPARGamma receptors. Dr. Elias, in his Declaration, provides a description of the physiology of cellulite at page 1 bridging to page 2, and states that blocking PPARGamma receptors would be a logical means for treating or ameliorating cellulite since PPARGamma receptors regulate adipocyte growth and differentiation. Dr. Elias states that blocking could be achieved by two different mechanisms: 1) down-regulation of PPARGamma receptor levels, and 2) competitive inhibition with endogenous PPARGamma activators, thereby reducing

(i.e., stabilizing) the numbers of PPARgamma receptors that are available to be activated. The foregoing statements by Dr. Elias are deemed a sufficient showing of a nexus between the formation of cellulite and the upregulation of PPARgamma receptors.

Third, the rejection of claims 36 to 51 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement in view of the quoted statements in the abstracts is not well taken. The Action quoted two abstracts that conjectured that there are no effective treatments for cellulite or that there is no consensus as to the etiology of cellulite. A search of the USPTO issued patent database (1976 to date) revealed 32 patents having the term "cellulite" in their titles (search report attached). A review of the listed titles reveals methods and/or compositions for treating, reducing, or removing cellulite. Apparently, the etiology, physiology of formation, and anatomical structure of cellulite are understood well enough that numerous methods and/or compositions for treating, reducing, or removing cellulite have been proposed and patented.

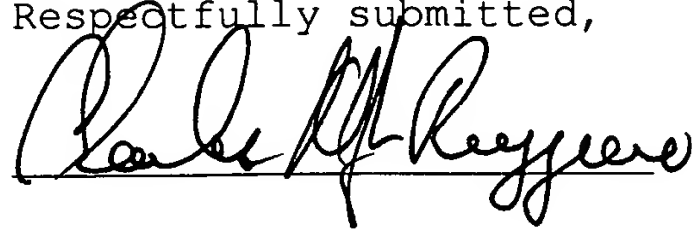
Finally, claims 36 to 51 are novel and nonobvious in view of the prior art. To this end, no particular prior art has been cited against the claims. Dr. Elias, in his Declaration, further adds that he is not aware that PPARgamma stabilizers, including perilla oil, have been employed to treat cellulite in the skin biology or dermatology art outside of the disclosure in the present application. Dr. Elias also adds that the use of PPARgamma stabilizers, including perilla oil, in the treatment or amelioration of cellulite is new and not obvious to him.

Dr. Elias is a paid consultant for Avon Products Inc.












Reconsideration of claims 36 to 51 is deemed warranted in view of the foregoing, and allowance of said claims is earnestly solicited.

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- 23 [5,778,894](#)  [Method for reducing human body cellulite by treatment with pulsed electromagnetic energy](#)
- 24 [5,776,074](#)  [Dynamic system of survey and selection of treatments of cellulite](#)
- 25 [5,705,170](#)  [Herbal cellulite treatments](#)
- 26 [5,667,793](#)  [Skin care compositions for treating cellulite](#)
- 27 [5,587,396](#)  [Method of ameliorating cellulite by disrupting the barrier function of the stratum corneum](#)
- 28 [5,536,499](#)  [Cosmetic compositions for reducing or preventing signs of cellulite](#)
- 29 [5,051,449](#)  [Treatment of cellulite with retinoids](#)
- 30 [5,030,451](#)  [Topical slenderizing formulation containing caffeine carboxylic acid derivatives neutralized by organic bases, preparation thereof, and their use in the treatment of cellulite](#)
- 31 [4,829,987](#)  [Mineral body wrap combined with exercise for treating cellulite](#)
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